Recommendation to increase fees in universities

2923. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Knowledge Commission had recommended for increasing fees in universities by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the said proposal of the Knowledge Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has recommended in its report on Higher Education, that fee should meet at least 20 per cent of the total expenditure in Universities and the fees should be adjusted every two year, through price indexation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The recommendation of National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stake holders.

History of Freedom Struggle in school curriculum

2924. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include History of Freedom Struggle as a compulsory subject in our school curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Social Science syllabi and textbooks—especially the History syllabi and textbooks of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) already contain details of the History of our freedom struggle.

History of Freedom Struggle of our country is already taught as part of Social Science and History from Class VIII to XII as per the curriculum prescribed by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to all the schools affiliated to it.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.

Constitutional amendment for reservation

2925. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding Public Interest Litigation against Constitutional Amendment passed by the Parliament for reservation to OBC in the Higher Education Facilities; and

(b) how the students and teachers of AIIMS can be allowed to join as party when they have already availed the facility of admission in a Government run institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) As many as seven Writ Petitions have been filed before the Supreme Court of India challenging the policy of reservation for the OBCs in matters of admission to Central educational institutions consequent to the 93rd Amendment of the Constitution inserting article 15(5) thereof.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance for establishment of Rural Management and Administration, Bangalore

2926. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested for Central Grant for establishment of Rural Management and Administration at Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Centre's response to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per